

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Gerhard HAMPRECHT et al
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION /ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.